Statement

Number of Suicides Reported under the Head "Self Employed (Farming/Agriculture)" in the Reports of National Crime Records Bureau for the period 1997—2005.

Year	Number
1997	13622
1998	16015
1999	16082
2000	16603
2001	16415
2002	17971
2003	17164
2004	18241
2005	17131

Aircraft Vacuum System to Replace System of Open Discharge

*239. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our Indian Railway System is the only Railway System in the world that has open discharge of faecal matter spreading 3 lakh litres of human waste from open discharge toilets emanating bad smell, contaminating soil and water causing health hazard;

(b) whether it would not be possible to advocate aircraft vaccum system to replace the old fashioned present system of open discharge; and

(c) whether a time-frame would be prescribed for this process?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. Indian Railways are not the only system which have coach toilet systems with 'open' discharge for disposal of human waste.

(b) and (c) Indian Railways have taken up a project of development of an environment friendly coach toilet discharge system. There are broadly two technologies being used the world over for environment friendly toilet systems, *viz.*, 'Vacuum assisted retention' type as used in aircrafts etc. and 'Biological degradation' type. Procurement action is in hand for both the types of environment friendly toilet systems and field trials have been planned for these. Based on the results of field trials and other developments, a final view shall be taken on the type of environment friendly toilets to be adopted on coaches of Indian Railways.

Funds allocated to Sikkim for development of Horticulture

*240. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the various States, particularly to Sikkim, for development of horticulture during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government for development of horticulture in the country, including Sikkim; and

(c) the details of horticulture project proposals of various States lying pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The details of funds allocated to different States, including Sikkim, during the last three years for development of horticulture under various schemes are given in the enclosed Statements I, II, III and IV (*See* below). An amount of Rs. 5281.00 lakh was allocated to Sikkim under the scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE) during the last three years.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing Centrally-Sponsored Schemes, namely Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for promotion and development of horticulture in the country. Under these schemes, assistance is provided for production and distribution of quality planting material of elite cultivars, area expansion, adoption of new technologies, integrated pest and disease management, post harvest management, value addition, marketing, etc. Besides, the National Horticulture Board is also implementing programmes for development of commercial horticulture and the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on Micro-irrigation is providing assistance to farmers for efficient use of water.

Prior to the launching of the National Horticulture Mission during 2005-06, programmes for horticulture development in the country, except in North Eastern Region and Himalayan States, were implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Mirco Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State efforts through Work Plans.

(c) The proposals for development of horticulture are submitted by the States as annual action plans which are considered by the Department of Agriculture and cooperation for approval. No action plan of the States are presently pending with the Department.

Statement-I

Release of funds during the last three years under Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1645.6	1300.0	1612.9
2.	Assam	871.0	1300.0	1400.0
3.	Manipur	1286.3	1500.0	1700.0
4.	Meghalaya	1396.0	1700.0	2000.0
5.	Mizoram	1801.3	1800.0	3200.0
6.	Nagaland	1467.3	1700.0	2356.0
7.	Sikkim	1150.0	1800.0	2331.0

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Tripura	1111.3	1500.0	1400.0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1233.0	1550.0	2933.0
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1300.0	1100.0	4000.0
11.	Uttarakhand	975.0	1100.0	4000.0
	TOTAL :	14236.7	16350.0	26932.9

Statement-II

State-wise Allocation/Release of Funds for Horticulture under Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture during 2004-05

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1168.90
2.	Bihar	500.00
3.	Jharkhand	103.00
4.	Goa	101.25
5.	Gujarat	591.00
6.	Haryana	300.00
7.	Karnataka	1555.55
8.	Kerala	2046.95
9.	Madhya Pradesh	600.00
10.	Chhattisgarh	384.00
11.	Maharashtra	2265.00
12.	Orissa	890.00
13.	Punjab	180.00
14.	Rajasthan	684.41
15.	Tamil Nadu	916.00
16.	Uttar Pradesh	675.00
17.	West Bengal	450.00
18.	Delhi	30.00
19.	Pondicherry	35.00
20.	A&N Islands	9.50
	TOTAL :	13491.56

Statement-III

Release of funds under National Horticulture Mission for Development of Horticulture (since inception of the Scheme)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2005-06	2006-07
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4420.96	7500
2.	Bihar	3100	3500
3.	Chhattisgarh	2367.83	5500
4.	Goa	315.2	200
5.	Gujarat	3239.28	2577.03
6.	Haryana	1050	3480
7.	Jharkhand	3030	4000
8.	Karnataka	4455.17	8448.25
9.	Kerala	3533.98	7959.53
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2839.77	4291.75
11.	Maharashtra	8260.28	14492.7
12.	Orissa	3611.91	4450
13.	Punjab	2868.82	1150
14.	Rajasthan	2259.57	3837.93
15.	Tamil Nadu	3891.67	6450
16.	Uttar Pradesh	5340.25	1500
17.	West Bengal	4035.31	4600
18.	Delhi	—	300
19.	Lakshadweep	—	63
20.	Andman & Nicobar		85
	TOTAL :	58620	84385.1

Statement-IV

Release of funds under Micro Irrigation (since inception of the Scheme)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6129.23	19519.68
2.	Bihar	0	2482.10
3.	Chhattisgarh	0	3032.88
4.	Delhi	0	15.71

1	2	3	4
5.	Goa	0	12.13
6.	Gujarat	2182.01	3355.90
7.	Haryana	0	443.89
8.	Jharkhand	0	229.92
9.	Karnataka	3584.10	2456.75
10.	Kerala	3200.00	636.30
11.	Madhya Pradesh	580.32	401.16
12.	Maharashtra	4806.09	8796.549
13.	Orissa	0	454.26
14.	Punjab	566.14	0
15.	Rajasthan	1048.02	2833.34
16.	Tamil Nadu	4290.97	1200.64
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1241.76	0
18.	West Bengal	0	195.67
	TOTAL :	27628.64	46066.88

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Institutions and organizations dealing with marine and inland fishers

1165. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes and organizations dealing with marine and inland fishers;

(b) whether there is any proposal to merge some of these redundant agencies and organizations;

(c) the steps proposed to make all such institutions target and objective oriented;

(d) the steps proposed to introduce accountability for investment of Government; and

(e) the policy changes to make organizations contribute to overall growth of the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Fisheries research, education and extension in marine and inland sectors under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), is being carried out by eight resource specific research institutes *viz.*, Central Marine Fisheries Research institute (CMFRI), Kochi; Central Institute of Fisheries Technolgy (CIFT), Kochi; Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai; Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar; Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore; Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai; National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow and National Research Centre on Cold Water Fisheries (NRCCWF), Bhimtal. Besides these research institutes under the ICAR, there are